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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Pan et al.

**Serial No.:** 08/682,935

**Filed:** July 16, 1996

**For:** TECHNIQUE FOR ELIMINATION  
OF PITTING ON SILICON SUBSTRATE  
DURING GATE STACK ETCH

**Examiner:** H. Nguyen

**Group Art Unit:** 2812

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the claims on the merits in the above-identified application,  
please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-22.

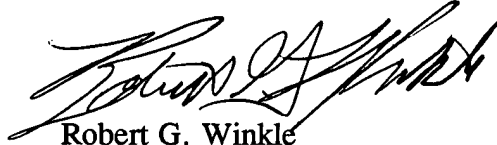
**REMARKS**

No new subject matter has been introduced with these amendments.

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Entry of the above preliminary amendment is respectfully requested. This amendment is submitted prior to the issuance of the first Office action. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,



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